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2 FAM 460 CONSULAR DISTRICTS AND DEPARTMENT OF STATE JURISDICTIONS

Changes

1. This Change Transmittal issues updates to 2 FAM 460, Consular Districts. The first three bullets are all in 2 FAM Exhibit 461:
 - **Brazil:** The state of Sergipe, Brazil, is moved to Recife's consular district. Previously Rio covered Sergipe, but Recife's staff has grown sufficiently so that it has the necessary staffing to cover Sergipe. Sergipe is closer to Recife than Rio, and there are direct flights from Recife to Sergipe's major airport. Post proposed the change and is confident that it will be successful.
 - **Dutch Caribbean:** This entry replaces that of the Netherlands Antilles, which ceased to exist as a political entity October 10, 2010.
 - **Mexico:** This is a change in status of the Consulates in Merida and Nogales, Mexico, from U.S. Consulate to U.S. Consulate-General. The change in status resulted from the evolution in role of these posts well beyond their original, purely consular focus to encompass an increasing emphasis on border issues, including immigration and law enforcement cooperation, as well as trade promotion and facilitation of commerce. These posts are playing an important role in the bilateral relationship while maintaining their traditional roles of protecting U.S. citizens and issuing visas.
 - **2 FAM 464:** Removes a duplicate organization listing, and adds U.S. missions to:
Association of Southeast Asian Nations (USASEAN);
European Union (USEU), and
Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)

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